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**From:** Caleb Laieski [caleb.gluad@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 17, 2009 10:43 PM  
**To:** Newman-Web  
**Subject:** Urgent Message

As a constituent and resident in the State of Arizona, I realize that the APS rate case will result in higher electricity rates, but, coupled with the significant increases in energy efficiency, it will help consumers lower overall electric bills. Weatherization, new energy efficient lighting and appliances, and mitigating the heat island effect can all reduce energy consumption. I am willing to pay higher rates to fund programs that will help me lower my energy use and my electric bills.

I am supportive of the program to invest in efficiency and renewable energy for K-12 schools. Eliminating the upfront costs for schools will remove a significant barrier for schools investing in renewable energy, and the energy efficiency investments will help schools lower their electric bills.

Programs that provide rebates and technical assistance to electric utility customers who purchase energy efficient lighting, air conditioners, and other equipment or invest in measures in their home, office, or other buildings that result in reductions in energy use are all good investments for the future and are necessary for reducing our energy load in Arizona. I also would like to see programs to help reduce the urban heat island effect through shading, cool roofs, and cool pavements. As an APS customer, these are programs that will benefit me by helping lower my electric bills.

I also support measures to provide technical assistance and financial incentives for businesses and schools that increase their energy efficiency, as well as design assistance and incentives for builders who construct efficient homes and buildings. Any efficiency program should include grants for weatherizing low-income housing -- rental and owner-occupied.

Please take action today,

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